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DATA

A. End Of Year (EOY) i4see (Initiative for School Empowerment and Excellence)

The EOY Enrollment and Sped Public data will be used this year in August for accountability reporting. The data will also be used in July for NECAP Science reporting. Please be sure your data is entered and confirmed as accurate by the **DUE DATES BELOW**. This data is also used mid-September for the Adequacy Aide funding calculation.

i4see has set the following dates as the end of year submission schedule for 2014-15:

- June 1 - July 15 – Sped Public Submission and EOY Enrollment for sped nonpublic students
- June 1 - July 15 – Final 2015 EOY Submissions (both EOY Enrollment and EOY Academic) – submissions should be district verified by July 15 – Do NOT certify at this time
- June 1 - July 15 – State Scholar submissions for participating High Schools are due
- July 15 - August 1 – All state anomalies MUST be resolved and District Reports confirmed
- August 3 – Superintendents “certify” EOY submissions and print, complete, sign and send “Tuition Report Receiving,” “Nonpublic 14-15 Special Education Students (A13N),” and “Nonpublic 14-15 Non-Special Education Students (A13 Other)” reports
- August 3 – Submission Course and Student Class Submission for 14-15 (please include the student course grade (e.g. A+, 90, Withdrawn, etc.) if you can
- August 3 - October 1 – The DOE will review all submissions and contact schools with questions
- November 1 (or sooner, if complete) – Superintendents should print, sign and submit end of year reports “ADM Report” and “Determination Sign Off”

For the 2015-16 school year, please submit the *Student Roster Submission* by August 14th for all grades. This data for the 2015-16 school year will help us populate Performance+ as well as provide important information through the Early Warning System.

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B. PerformancePLUS

1. You can use one system to view your state and local assessment results. PerformancePLUS will be the primary platform through which schools can view their SBAC test results. Watch for free webinars and trainings offered by NHDOE data trainers to describe what data will be available and which P+ reports you might want to consider when analyzing SBAC results.

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2. **Plan for the 2015-16 School Year**

Data trainers will be available (no charge to schools) to support you in developing and improving your data culture. Be sure to include our support in your professional development plans for next year. Support we provide includes: establishing and facilitating data teams, developing local assessments in P+, accessing reports for RTI or other school initiatives, creating individual learning plans, strategic planning to establish a strong data culture, and more.

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3. Load your 2015-16 i4see Course Roster Information

Please make sure your i4see coordinators and school support staff submit the i4see Student Roster and the i4see Course and StudentClass submissions. You can submit your 2015-16 data early so that teachers can view their student data as they prepare for fall teaching.

Contact: Cyndy Currier, ccurrier@mac.com

C. School Safety Data Collection (2014-2015)

The School Safety Data Collection for school year 2014-2015 was released on Tuesday, June 2nd. This data collection should be completed by principals (including charter schools) and certified by the superintendents after the last day of school and no later than Friday, July 10, 2015. There were 18 questions that were deleted from the data collection.

These are four new questions that were added:

Resource Officer

1. Do you have a resource office in your school? Yes/No Number of hours per week _____ and Number of Resource Officers ____ (Please indicate numbers even if they are "0".)

Seclusion of Students

2. Number of seclusion reports generated this school year

Of the seclusion reports in the previous question, how many were investigated and are;

3. Active/On-going investigations
4. Closed

Please remember that submission of this data is required by RSA 193-E:3, Delivery of an Adequate Education.

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EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS

A. Educator Evaluation System

Are you interested in reflecting on or reviewing your educator evaluation system? The NH State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) Team is offering you the opportunity to participate in a peer review process on your system. If this piques your interest, there will be an introductory session at the NH DOE Educator Summer Summit being held during the first week in August.

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GRANTS and REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

ALL RFPs Can be Found on the Department Website at
www.education.nh.gov/rfp/index.htm

A. i4see and Statewide Longitudinal Data System related Initiatives

The purpose of this RFP is to seek proposals for an individual or organization to assist the Department of Education in three areas: 1) oversight of the expansion of the Initiative for School Empowerment and Excellence (i4see) system used to collect student level data for

public education students and the PerformancePLUS (P+) system used by schools to improve instruction, 2) implementation of Statewide Longitudinal Data System grant activities, 3) help facilitate the collection and exchange of data for the state-wide student assessment. Extensive knowledge within the areas of systems design and technical implementations, data warehousing, strategic planning, research, and data use to inform instruction is required. An understanding of school assessments, knowledge of school student information systems and experience with K-12 education is required. Strong leadership and communication skills are required. Knowledge of the i4see Data System, PerformancePlus tool and experience with Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems are also desired. Applications due: 4:30 pm Monday, June 15, 2015.

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B. Technical Assistance: School Approval

The purpose of this RFP is to seek proposals for an organization or individual to provide technical assistance to the New Hampshire Department of Education's (NH DOE) Bureau of Assessment and Accountability in the area of school approval. A successful applicant will provide a narrative and work plan detailing their expertise. Proposals Deadline: 4:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

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INNOVATIONS/INITIATIVES

A. New Hampshire Convening On Competency Education

On May 11th, the Department of Education held a convening in order to build understanding of the exciting work happening across the country in the area of competency education and how New Hampshire educators, students, and policy makers are leaders in that work. Presentation materials and videos can be found at www.education.nh.gov/assessment-systems/pace.htm#convening.

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B. What's So Cool about Manufacturing? Video Contest

The New Hampshire Division of Economic Development is developing the second annual What's So Cool About Manufacturing? video contest, an initiative of Governor Maggie Hassan. The video contest is aimed at middle school students, an age where they begin to consider career paths. Schools participating in the contest will be paired with a local manufacturer and they will see, and share with their peers by way of the video, how manufacturing has changed and the opportunities that await them when they graduate in a few years.

Before the end of the school year, the Division of Economic Development wants to connect with middle school teachers about the contest and make sure they receive information to participate, including being paired with a local manufacturer. Interested teachers and advisors should contact Lorna Colquhoun at (603) 271-2341 or e-mail lorna.colquhoun@dred.nh.gov.

NH NETWORKS

A. Student Learning Outcomes

The SCEE (State Consortium on Educator Effectiveness) Team is pleased to introduce the latest Module in the Series on Student Outcomes. *Setting Targets* is one of the core requirements of the SLO process. In this video module, Sara, a ninth-grade vocal music teacher, shares her thinking as she goes through the process of setting targets for her students. This video and more resources can be found at <https://my.nh.doe.gov>.

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SPECIAL EDUCATION/VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

A. Teacher Internship Project

NH Vocational Rehabilitation is accepting applications for its Teacher Internship Project. The program is designed to provide high school special education teachers, case managers, building coordinators, transition coordinators, 504 coordinators and other school district personnel with the opportunity to work closely with their local VR office and rehabilitation counselors. Blending online learning, field experience and case study application, interns will learn about the VR program and process, adult agencies and services, employer needs, labor market information and disability legislation. The internship will take place from August 2015 through May 2016. Participants will earn three graduate credits through Keene State College. Up to 20 interns will be accepted statewide. For more information or to apply go to www.education.nh.gov/career/vocational. Deadline to apply is June 12, 2015.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

A. OPEN NH Courses

Registration is now open for the 2015 Summer Session. These online courses will run from July 8th – August 25th. Courses are \$130, run 7 weeks, and earn 35 professional development hours. To register or for more information go to <https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/Default.aspx?eventid=1710622>.

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RESOURCES

A. Constitution Day

In 2004, the Congress decided that "Constitution Day" should be observed in schools each year on September 17th with educational programs about the history and signing of the Constitution. To help celebrate Constitution Day, seven newspapers and the New Hampshire Supreme Court have sponsored an annual "Constitution Day Essay Contest" for grades 5-12 on a topic related to our constitutional rights as citizens. Students are asked to write essays about a relevant Constitutional issue. Finalists and statewide winners are honored with a ceremony at the court in the fall. Contest materials are mailed/emailed to teachers in the spring and fall. If you did not receive a mailing, you can obtain the 2015 essay question and other contest information at www.courts.state.nh.us/student/contest.htm or by contacting

David Tirrell-Wysocki at the Nackey S. Loeb School of Communications at dtwysocki@loeb.school.org.

B. Free Sun Safety Education Program

The Skin Cancer Foundation has developed the free Sun Smart U education program to help teachers expose students to the importance of sun protection and give them the tools they need to prevent skin cancer. Sun Smart U is consistent with the CDC's National Health Education Standards for middle school and high school students. The interactive lesson plan features true stories from young skin cancer survivors, medically reviewed Prevention Guidelines, handouts and activities, and can be taught in one or two class periods. Sun Smart U is available in a variety of formats. For more information go to www.skincancer.org/prevention/education-program.

C. Manufacturing Week 2015

The Department of Education, and its partners, NH Manufacturing Extension Partnership, NH Division of Economic Development, and NH Community College System, have organized NH Manufacturing Week for October 5-9, 2015. Register your school now to participate in manufacturing plant tours. To register or for more information go to www.education.nh.gov/career/career/index.htm#manufacturing.

D. Mentor Training

NH Association of School Principals (NHASP) is once again offering *Mentor Training* for those who may be interested in the School Leaders Mentor Program. This training will take place July 21-23, 2015 at the NHASP office in Concord. To register or for more information go to www.nhasp.org.

E. Summer Meals Promotional Materials

The Summer Food Service Program offers children meals in the summer when school is out. All food service directors have been sent a flyer to be copied and sent home with students notifying families of this important program. The flyer gives the family a phone number to call for site information. More information can be found at www.education.nh.gov/program/nutrition/food_svc.htm#summer.

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OTHER

2015 Employment Leadership Award Nomination

The Employment Leadership Award Committee invites you to nominate your best employer for the 2015 Employment Leadership Award. The Employment Leadership Award is presented each year to New Hampshire employers who recognize the skills and contributions that people with disabilities bring to the workforce and who have adopted inclusive policies and hiring practices that allow people with disabilities to fairly compete for employment. Nominees are submitted by employment providers and businesses throughout New Hampshire and nominations are evaluated based on the company's efforts to: create opportunities that assist people with disabilities to develop the skills they need to obtain competitive employment; adopt inclusive hiring practices that allow people with disabilities to fairly compete for employment; and engage community partners to become a more diverse

workplace. Nominations are due June 19, 2015. For more information go to http://education.nh.gov/career/vocational/ela_2015.htm.

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New Hampshire Institute for Civics Education Presents: Planting Seeds for Participatory Citizens: Integrating Civics at the Elementary Level

Join NHICE for "Planting Seeds for Participatory Citizens: Integrating Civics at the Elementary Level," being held on Friday, June 26th, from 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Saturday, June 27th, from 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The program will take place at The Saint Anselm College, New Hampshire Institute for Politics, in Manchester. Elementary educators will receive 30 clock hours and a \$100 stipend. Those interested in attending the workshop may apply at http://constitutionallyspeakingnh.org/nhice_workshop_app.php.

NH Construction Career Days

Registrations are now available for this 7th annual event to be held on Sept 17th and 18th at the 4H grounds in New Boston, NH. New Hampshire Construction Career Days exposes New Hampshire high school students to possible career paths in both the construction and transportation industries through hands-on exhibits and educational resources. Labor unions, construction companies, school districts, state agencies, trade and professional organizations collaborate to provide the students with an introduction to various aspects of construction. For more information or to register go to <http://www.nhccd.weebly.com> or contact Catherine Schoenenberger at (866) 692-2114.

GIS & GPS Teacher Workshops

Teacher-focused training on GIS & GPS is available in the summer of 2015. Not only are the courses free, stipends are also available (see details on each institute webpage). The institutes are supported with funds from a Math Science Partnership grant (GeoPriSM), an Esri ConnectEd Grant and NH EPSCoR. Topics range from basic GIS concepts, mapping with smartphones, applying GIS to watersheds, how to best use online GIS, and incorporating geospatial technologies into your classroom. A list of all institutes can be found at <http://extension.unh.edu/2015-Summer-Spatial-Institutes>.

Improve Your School

Learn how to develop cost effective, inclusive and creative design solutions to improve your school complex and ethos. The Creative Improvement Council will help you develop a more welcoming and thought provoking environment. This workshop is taking place Saturday, July 11th, from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Justin Morrill Vermont State Historic Site, Strafford, VT. For more information go to www.creativeimprovementcouncil.org.

Institute on Disability (IOD)

The IOD is offering several professional development opportunities in August.

- **Camp CreATe** is a hands on experience making, taking, and exploring Assistive Technology for home, school, work, and play. These sessions are taking place August 3rd-7th at the IOD in Concord. Come for a single day or all five. To register or for more information go to www.iod.unh.edu/campcreate.

- **RENEW Facilitator Training Institute**

This two-day institute will provide in-depth training for individuals who will facilitate the Rehabilitation for Empowerment, Natural supports, Education, and Work (RENEW) process with youth with emotional and behavioral challenges. This training will take place August 5th and 6th at the Grappone Conference Center. To register or for more information go to www.iod.unh.edu/Services/eventdetail/15-05-20/RENEW_Facilitator_Training_Institute.aspx.

- **School Culture, Climate, & Positive Behavior Support**

This year's conference theme is Strengths, Strategies, and Systems of Support and will include presentations by national leaders, New Hampshire educators, youth, and community partners, plus opportunities for teams to work together, including instruction on cutting-edge strategies for school improvement. This two-day conference will focus on sharing examples, tools, and practices within a multi-tiered system of supports framework in order to help schools and communities to improve their culture, climate, and safety and features a youth strand to engage young people who are interested in learning about how to become leaders of and advocates for positive change to their school's culture and climate. It is being held August 12-13, 2015 at the SERESC Event & Conference Center in Bedford. For more information or to register, please visit www.iod.unh.edu/summerconference2015.

Microcontroller Workshop

Enhance your curriculum with the newest technologies in microcontrollers and robotics. The activities are easy to teach, fun to learn and engage students. Explore electronics and programming with "What's a Microcontroller?" and "Robotics with the Boe-Bot" – perfect entry-level kits for technology and pre-engineering programs. This workshop is being held July 20 – 23, 2015 at Great Bay Community College. To register or for more information go to <http://greatbay.edu/courses/business-training/microcontroller-workshop>.

Performance Assessment Workshops

NHASCD and Pinkerton Academy are the co-sponsors of the June 23rd-24th, 2015, "Performance Assessment Workshops for High School and Middle School Teachers" that will be hosted at Pinkerton Academy. There will be two workshops running simultaneously: one for Mathematics and one for English Language Arts (ELA). Each of these two-day workshops will present middle and high school content that focus on standards-based Math or ELA; however, the strategies presented are also applicable to other disciplines, especially Science and Social Studies. It is the goal of these summer workshops to provide participants with hands-on experiences in developing and assessing performance tasks that emphasize problem solving, reasoning, and discourse. In addition, participants will learn how to develop and use effective, efficient rubrics to score student work. To register or for more information go to <http://www.cvent.com/events/june-23rd-24th-2015-performance-assessment-workshops-for-high-school-and-middle-school-teachers-at-p/event-summary-7df932088c6646fe93f5da4d1799064d.aspx>.

TechWomen Ambassadors Week

The NH High Tech Council's TechWomen/TechGirls committee is planning to host TechWomen Ambassadors Week for 9th grade students. The theme is *Inspiring Students to Explore STEM Careers*. This one day, two hour event will take place at some high schools in each region of the state during the week of November 16, 2015. If your high school has an

interest in participating, please contact Carol Miller, committee chair at (603) 271-2591 or e-mail carol.miller@dred.nh.gov. TechWomen Ambassadors representing various high tech industry sectors including aerospace, robotics, biotech, computing, engineering, green tech and more will participate in the events offering their expertise and demonstrations.

The State of NH Robotics Education Fund

Established in 2014, this nonlapsing fund resides in the office of the State Treasurer. All moneys in the robotics education fund shall be continually appropriated to the Commissioner of the Department of Education for the purpose of providing funding to school districts for the development of robotics teams, encouraging participation in robotics competitions, and to make robotics available to more high school students. REF: RSA 188-E:24 All stakeholders are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to support NH's high school students, through investing in our secondary robotics fund. Expansion of STEM activities in our high schools will allow students to gain greater exposure to the advanced technology, necessary to maintain a skilled labor force, in support of the economic sustainability of NH's workforce.

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Professional Standards Board (PSB)

Applications are being accepted for membership on the PSB. The PSB is a 21-member body authorized by state law to advise the State Board of Education regarding professional growth, certification, and governance of the education profession in New Hampshire. Currently six openings exist: two for representative of educators/education specialists, and four for representative of higher education/education administration. Applications can be found on the NH DOE Web site at: www.education.nh.gov/state_board/prof_stand.htm. The deadline for applications is June 30, 2015.

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